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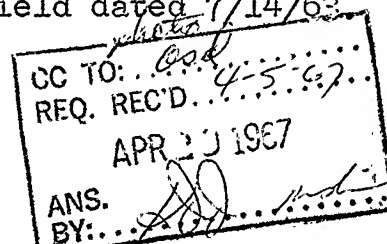
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| TITLE OF CASE RICHARD VALERIANI | | REPORT MADE BY HAROLD P. SETTLE | TYPED BY EML |
| | | CHARACTER OF CASE IMPERSONATION | |

REFERENCE

Teletype to Bureau dated 7/13/63 entitled Racial Demonstrations, Danville, Va. 1963, Racial Matters.

Teletype to Director and Washington Field dated 7/14/63

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ADMINISTRATIVE

For the information of the Bureau, RICHARD VALERIANI is a news reporter for the National Broadcasting Company and is in Danville, Virginia, covering the racial demonstrations for NBC. Investigation reflected that an individual believed to be TOM CHAPMAN, reporter for the Washington Post, Washington, D. C., was in the close proximity of RICHARD VALERIANI on 7/11/63 when he allegedly represented himself to an unknown individual in the Danville City Jail as representing the FBI.

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Information concerning the identity of the news reporter employed by the "Washington Post" as possibly being one TOM CHAPMAN, has come to the direct attention of special agents presently working in Danville through numerous contacts of various sources in Danville. In addition the description of CHAPMAN and his clothing fits with personal observations by special agents of CHAPMAN on the streets of Danville. It was learned that he returned to Washington, D. C., on July 12, 1963, after staying at the Holiday Inn Motel, Danville, where VALERIANI admittedly resides while in Danville.

For the further information of the Bureau, a mimeographed throw-away news release bearing the letterhead of the Danville Christian Progressive Association, 226 North Union Street, Danville, Virginia, under date of July 12, 1963, in commenting on the day's events, among other things, stated "NBC newsman RICHARD VALERIANI and his two aides were also taken into custody by police but later released." It is to be noted that when interviewed at Police Headquarters, VALERIANI was specifically asked if the police had charged him with any offenses and his reply was in the negative. In addition, he was specifically advised that his interview responses were entirely voluntary on his part and he was free to terminate the interview any time he so desired.

The facts in this case were originally presented to Assistant U. S. Attorney LAWRENCE C. MUSGROVE upon the receipt of the original information from Captain JUBY E. TOWLER, Detective Bureau, Danville Police Department, and at that time he declined prosecution.

However upon completion of instant investigation, matter will be re-presented to the U. S. Attorney for a current prosecutive opinion.

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WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will, upon receipt of clearance from the Bureau, interview TOM CHAPMAN, Washington Post regarding the representations made by RICHARD VALERIANI at the Danville City Jail, Danville, Virginia, at approximately 2:00 to 2:30 P.M. on July 11, 1963.

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RICHMOND

AT ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

Will re-present the facts to U. S. Attorney for
prosecutive opinion.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Roanoke

Report of: SA HAROLD P. SETTLE
Date: 7/17/63

Office: Richmond

Field Office File No.: 47-2566

Bureau File No.:

Title: RICHARD VALERIANI

Character: IMPERSONATION

Synopsis:

At approximately 2:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M., 7/11/63 and 4:00 P.M. 7/12/63 RICHARD VALERIANI, NBC News, allegedly represented himself at the Danville City Jail, Danville, Va., and to Captain JUBY E. TOWLER, NA, Danville PD, Danville, Va., as being with the FBI and a Federal Officer. VALERIANI was interviewed and denied making such statements, saying that he was misunderstood. AUSA, Roanoke, Va., originally declined prosecution on statements made to TOWLER. Description of VALERIANI set forth.

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DETAILS:

Date 7/17/63

Captain JUBY E. TOWLER, Danville, Virginia, Police Department, related as follows:

At approximately 4:00 P.M., July 12, 1963, while on Wood Avenue, in the vicinity of Gate 5, Dan River Mills, Danville, Virginia, engaged in investigation of racial demonstrations at the plant, he stopped a late model Cadillac automobile, being driven by one COY FRANK MC ALLISTER, and known by him to be registered to Reverend ALEXANDER I. DUNLAP. The vehicle was occupied by eight other persons besides the driver and the vehicle contained placards. Captain TOWLER's purpose in stopping the vehicle was to determine the identity of the driver of the vehicle who was not the registrant of the car, since it was loitering in the area.

While talking to MC ALLISTER outside the car on the passenger side, Captain TOWLER was approached by a Caucasian male, unknown to TOWLER. This individual said to TOWLER, as best as TOWLER could recall, "What's the matter with him?" which TOWLER construed to mean referred to his discussion with MC ALLISTER, and the unknown Caucasian male continued addressing TOWLER, as best he could recall to the effect, "I'm with the Federal Bureau" or "Bureau", or "FBI", "I'm Flannery, are you going to shoo him away?"

TOWLER said he replied "No, I'm just checking. He's driving somebody else's car. Do you want to check?"

TOWLER said that the unknown Caucasian male made some statement to him, unrecalled, or some gesture that he was not so disposed and stated to TOWLER, "I met you down there", or words to that effect.

Captain TOWLER said that he did not understand the last comment because he did not recall ever meeting this person.

Thereafter, the unknown Caucasian male departed in the direction of a vehicle parked about half a block away, occupied by two other persons, one of whom was a white male whom Captain TOWLER believed was wearing a tan baseball-type cap. Captain TOWLER described this vehicle as a black 1962 Chevrolet Sedan,

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SA WILLIAM HENRY SIMMS / EML Date dictated 7/16/63

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bearing 1963 North Carolina license [REDACTED] He stated that he did not know the identity of the registered owner of the vehicle although the car had been seen in the Danville area for several days and was known to the Virginia State Police and Danville Police Department as a suspicious car with an out-of-state license.

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Captain TOWLER described the unknown white male with whom he conversed as dark skinned, in his 30's, 5'10", 160 to 170 pounds, dark hair, dark business clothes and possibly wearing a straw hat. Captain TOWLER stated that he would be able to identify this person.

Captain TOWLER stated that the unidentified Caucasian male with whom he spoke did not exhibit credentials, nor did TOWLER ask for same for the reason that he said he was more busily engaged in pursuing the identification of MC ALLISTER. It was only later, upon reflection that he thought that the matter should be brought to the attention of the FBI, since he could not recall ever having seen this person.

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RICHARD VALERIANI, 1330 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at the Danville Police Department, Danville, Virginia, and informed that he did not have to make a statement and any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law. He was informed he had a right to consult an attorney prior to the interview.

He informed that he was born August 29, 1932, Camden, New Jersey, and was employed as a news reporter for NBC. He related that he was in the vicinity of the Dan River Mills, Danville, Virginia, about 4:00 P.M. on July 12, 1963, and observed Captain JUBY TOWLER, Danville Police Department talking with some Negroes in a Cadillac automobile. He stated that he had said to TOWLER that he was VALERIANI with NBC and insisted that he did not represent himself as being with the FBI or the Federal Government in any form.

He informed that he was merely interested in whether or not TOWLER was going to "shoo" the Negroes away from the plant. He related that TOWLER had asked him if he wanted to talk with the Negroes and he said that he did not. He stated that he had met TOWLER before and told him that he had seen him before, but that TOWLER apparently did not recognize him. He was asked if he was under arrest and he stated the police department had not arrested him and he realized he was free to leave at any time.

The following description was obtained from observation:

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| Race: | White |
| Sex: | Male |
| Height: | 5'10" |
| Weight: | 165 |
| Hair: | Black |
| Eyes: | Brown - wearing glasses |
| Complexion: | Dark |
| Build: | Medium |
| Nationality: | United States citizen |
| Occupation: | News reporter for NBC |
| Local residence: | Holiday Inn, Danville, Virginia |

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AT ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

On July 12, 1963, Assistant United States Attorney LAWRENCE C. MUSGROVE advised he was declining prosecution inasmuch as nothing of value was obtained by VALERIANI and Captain TOWLER was not certain of the exact verbiage used in the alleged conversation.

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[] upon interview advised as follows:

[] is employed by []
Danville, Virginia, and resides at [] Danville,
Virginia.

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On Thursday, July 11, 1963, at about one-half hour after the arrest of approximately six demonstrators in front of the Danville Municipal Building, sometime in the afternoon, [] had occasion to walk from the entrance of the Danville Police Department in the basement of the Municipal Building, in a southerly direction, up an incline, through the alley between the Municipal Building and the Danville City Jail, east of the Municipal Building.

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As [] walked up the ramp, he saw two Caucasian males near the jail door. One was in front of the door, wearing a pair of dark pants, a short sleeved dress shirt and the other was approximately ten feet south of the first individual and wearing a light tan suit.

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[] continued walking in their direction and heard a voice from within the jail, unrecognized by [] state, "Who's there". and as [] passed the individual in front of the door, [] heard that person state, "FBI".

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[] continued walking and arrived at Court Street and proceeded in a westerly direction.

[] said that he was not certain that he could identify the individual standing in front of the jail door, but in a later conversation on July 12, 1963, with HAMILTON CROCKFORD, who is a news reporter for the "Richmond Times Dispatch" and a Sergeant DUNCAN of the Danville Police Department, [] learned that Captain TOWLER of the Danville Police Department was desirous of hearing what [] had overheard at the jail on the previous day. Thereafter, [] said that he discussed the matter with Captain TOWLER and learned that TOWLER had identified a person named VALERIANI of NBC News as a possible impersonator of an FBI agent.

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[] said that he did not in conscience believe that he could accurately describe the Caucasian male in the front of the Danville City Jail on July 11, 1963, who made the statement "FBI", because he had in his mind's eye and could not rid himself of the description of VALERIANI, which he had learned from Captain TOWLER and from observation of VALERIANI, whom he has seen on the streets of Danville recently. [] said that he felt that such description would be adversely affected by his knowledge of VALERIANI's description and he did not desire to be less than completely truthful in the matter.

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Trooper C. E. BYERS, Virginia State Police,
Danville, Virginia, furnished the following signed statement:

"Danville, Virginia
July 13, 1963

"I, C. E. Byers, hereby make this free and voluntary statement to William Henry Simms, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No force, threats, promises or hopes of reward have been made to me in order to induce me to make this statement. I have been advised that this statement may be used in a court of law and I am willing to testify in a court of law concerning the information contained in my statement.

"I am years of age, a high school graduate, reside at Virginia, and am employed as a Trooper with the Virginia State Police, 3rd Division, Appomattox, Virginia. I am presently assigned on Special Assignment at Danville, and have been here for three days.

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"At about 4 PM on July 12, 1963, I was assisting Captain Towler of the Danville Police Department in checking a 1962 Cadillac Sedan at or near Gate 5 Dan River Mills, Danville, Virginia. In the immediate vicinity were Troopers C. G. Cunningham, R. L. Young, J. H. Martin and F. L. Woodson. Captain Towler was standing near the right front door of the Cadillac (in which was located 3 persons). The driver of the Cadillac was standing near Captain Towler. At this time, I observed a white male, unknown to me, approach Captain Towler. This white male made some statement to Captain Towler to the effect "What have these people done?" Captain Towler replied, but his back being to me, I did not hear the reply.

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"The white male then stated "I am a Federal Agent". Another white male walked up behind me. I turned and looked at him. He was observing Captain Towler and the white male talking to him. The second white male made no comment. At this time, the first white male proceeded down the sidewalk past me at a fast pace. The second white male joined him. They crossed the street and were joined by a third white male. I observed all three walk to a parking lot, enter a 1963 Chevrolet sedan bearing 1963 North Carolina registration plates [REDACTED] They drove off with the first white male mentioned above, driving.

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"I again observed the first white male mentioned operating this same vehicle in front of city hall, Danville, Virginia, at approximately midnight that day.

"I have read and understand this one page statement, have initialed the corrections and to the best of my knowledge and belief the statement is entirely true.

"/s/ C. E. Byers

Witnesses:

"/s/ William Henry Simms, Special Agent, FBI, Danville, Va.
7/13/63

"/s/ S.A. Walton - Lt., Virginia State Police, Salem, Va."

He informed that the individual referred to was a white male, dark complexion, black hair, age 36 or 37 years of age, height 5'10" or 5'11", weight 170, neatly dressed, wearing a dark suit, shirt and tie.

Trooper BYERS requested two copies of his statement and these were furnished to him.

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On July 13, 1963, WALTER RIDDLE, Danville City Jail, Danville, Virginia, advised SAs FREDERICK A. COOK and HAROLD P. SETTLE that he could not remember anyone stating to him on July 11, 1963, that he was with the FBI following the arrest of the Negroes shortly afternoon. He advised that he did not know who was on duty at the jail but would attempt to ascertain his identity.

The following persons, employed as Jailers at the Danville City Jail were interviewed with negative results concerning their hearing someone verbally identify himself as employed by the FBI on the afternoon of July 11, 1963, through the front door of the Danville City Jail:

JOHN LESLIE REYNOLDS, on duty from 6:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., interviewed by SA WILLIAM HENRY SIMMS on July 13, 1963.

LUKE REYNOLDS, on duty from 6:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., interviewed by SA WILLIAM HENRY SIMMS on July 13, 1963.

DUDLEY BOWLING, on duty from 2:30 P.M. to 10:30 P.M., interviewed by SA WILLIAM HENRY SIMMS on July 13, 1963.

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To: SAC, WFO
From: Director, FBI

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RICHARD VALERIANI
IMPERSONATION

Re Richmond tel 7/14/63.

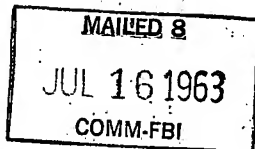
Authority granted for experienced Agent of WFO to interview William Chapman, Washington Post.

Advise Bureau and Richmond promptly of results.

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NOTE: Richmond tel 7/14/63 contains information that several heard subject, an NBC news representative from Chicago, Illinois, identify himself with FBI or as Federal Agent. William Chapman, Washington Post, Washington, D. C. allegedly should have heard statement of subject. Authority to interview Chapman approved - see ref tel.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Police Captain, Danville, Va., advised that on 7/12/63, while talking to 8 Negro civil rights demonstrators, he was approached by individual later identified as Richard Valeriani NBC news representative, Chicago, Ill. According to Police Captain subject identified himself by using words, "Federal Bureau, Bureau or Federal Bureau of Investigation," while inquiring regarding action of police in stopping demonstrators. Bureau Agents located and interviewed subject who denied representing himself as FBI Agent, Federal Officer or any association with Federal Government. Matter presented to U. S. Attorney who declined prosecution under Impersonation Statute.

Attached indicates others heard subject identify himself with FBI or as Federal Agent. William Chapman, Washington Post, Washington, D. C., allegedly should have heard statement of subject. General Investigative Division recommends that Chapman be interviewed.

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URGENT 7-14-63 8-46 PM EDT PLS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE.

FROM SAC, RICHMOND 47 NEW

RICHARD VALERIANI, IMPERSONATION.

RERICHMOND TEL TO DIRECTOR SEVEN THIRTEEN LAST ENTITLED

RACIAL DEMONSTRATIONS, DANVILLE, VA., NINETEEN SIXTY THREE RM. ^{Racial Matters}

VIRGINIA STATE POLICE

VSP TROOPER C. E. BYERS DANVILLE, VA., FURNISHED SIGNED

STATEMENT IN WHICH HE STATED HE HEARD SUBJECT SAY TO CAPT. JUBY
E. TOWLER, NA, DANVILLE RD ABOUT FOUR PM ON SEVEN TWELVE LAST
NEAR GATE FIVE OF DAN RIVER MILLS, DANVILLE, VA., " I AM A
FEDERAL AGENT".

EMPLOYEE OF

DANVILLE, VA., STATED ON SEVEN ELEVEN LAST BETWEEN TWO AND TWO
THIRTY PM HE PASSED THE DOOR OF DANVILLE CITY JAIL AND HEARD AN
INDIVIDUAL WH HE BELIEVED TO BE SUBJECT ADDRESS AN UNKNOWN

INDIVIDUAL IN THE JAIL BY SAYING HE WAS WITH THE FBI.

WILLIAM CHAPMAN WASHINGTON POST WDC WAS ALLEGEDLY STANDING

NEAR BY AND SHOULD HAVE HEARD THE STATEMENT. CHAPMAN HAS RETURNED

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Washington, D.C.
TO WDC.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE WFO IF PERMISSIBLE TO INTERVIEW
CHAPMAN.

FOR INFO WFO SUBJECT IS A NEWS REPORTER FOR NBC AND HAS BEEN
COVERING THE RACIAL SITUATION IN DANVILLE, VA. HE IS A WHITE MALE,
^{Date of Birth}
DOB EIGHT TWENTYNINE THIRTY TWO CAMDEN, N. J., FIVE FEET ELEVEN
INCHES, ONE SIX FIVE LBS., HAIR BLACK, EYES BROWN, WEARS GLASSES,
COMPLEXION DARK, MEDIUM BUILD.

IN VIEW OF NEW EVIDENCE AND ON INTERVIEW OF CHAPMAN
FACTS WILL BE REPRESENTED ^{United States Attorney} TO USA ROANOKE, VA.

REPORT BEING SUBMITTED.

ED YOUNG, ASSOCIATED PRESS RICHMOND, THIS DATE MADE INQUIRY
RE THIS MATTER AND WAS ADVISED NO COMMENT.

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Date:

7/24/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, RICHMOND

FROM: SAC, WFO (47-8676) (RUC)

RICHARD VALERIANI
IMPERSONATION
(OO:RH)

Re Richmond tel to Bureau 7/14/63, and Buairtel
to WFO 7/16/63.

Enclosed for Bureau are two copies, and for
Richmond Office seven copies, of FD 302 reflecting results
of interview with WILLIAM T. CHAPMAN, news reporter for the
Washington Post. It is noted attempts were made to locate
and interview CHAPMAN on 7/18 and 22/63, with negative results.

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Date July 24, 19631

Mr. WILLIAM T. ~~CHAPMAN~~, home address, [redacted] telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at his office at the Washington Post, 1515 L Street, N.W. CHAPMAN advised he had covered the racial demonstrations at Danville, Virginia, during July, 1963, as a reporter for the Washington Post. *Wash, DC*

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CHAPMAN informed that during the time he was in Danville he observed RICHARD VALERIANI, who he knows as a news correspondent for the National Broadcasting Company. CHAPMAN indicated VALERIANI was staying at a Holiday Inn Motel in Danville, which motel CHAPMAN was also using while there.

CHAPMAN advised he recalls two separate incidents that occurred at gates to the Dan River Mills. He said he covered one such incident and does not recall seeing VALERIANI, his cameraman or sound technician at the gate where this incident occurred. CHAPMAN said he assumes VALERIANI was covering the incident at the other gate. Subsequent to the incident at the gate of Dan River Mills which he covered, CHAPMAN advised he returned to the Holiday Inn Motel and wrote a news story regarding the incident. He said while he was at the motel VALERIANI and his associates returned to the motel and it was at this time that he, CHAPMAN, learned from VALERIANI that VALERIANI had been held by the Danville Police Department for questioning. CHAPMAN said he was told by VALERIANI the reason for his being questioned was someone ^{said} VALERIANI had identified himself as "Flannery of the FBI." CHAPMAN states VALERIANI denied to him that he had made such a statement.

CHAPMAN informed he was undoubtedly around the Danville Jail at various times during the day the above incidents occurred; however, he said he did not see VALERIANI at the Danville Jail and at no time did he ever hear VALERIANI tell anyone that he was with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

CHAPMAN referred to clippings of stories he had written concerning the incident that occurred at the gate of Dan River Mills, gate number not recalled by him, as well as the incident regarding the questioning of VALERIANI, and stated the above events occurred on July 12, 1963.

CHAPMAN advised he recalls no incidents involving VALERIANI that occurred on July 11, 1963. He said he was not in the vicinity of the Danville Jail on July 11, 1963.

On 7/23/63 at Washington, D.C. File # WFO 47-3676
by SA HOMER R. HAUER
and SA WOODROW P. LIPCOMB/HRH:meh Date dictated 7/24/63

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ENCLOSURE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Washington Field Office airtel to Bureau, 7/24/63.

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ENCLOSURE:

TO CHICAGO

One copy of report of SA HAROLD P. SETTLE dated 7/17/63, at Richmond.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

A copy of this report and a copy of the referenced Richmond report in captioned matter are being furnished Chicago for its information since subject is associated with NBC News, Chicago.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - U.S. ATTORNEY, ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

Report of: SA MELVIN J. YANCEY Office: RICHMOND
Date: 8/8/63

Field Office File No.: 47-2566 Bureau File No.: 47-51085

Title: RICHARD VALERIANI

Character: IMPERSONATION

Synopsis: WILLIAM T. CHAPMAN, reporter, Washington Post, WDC, states he did not overhear RICHARD VALERIANI tell anyone he was with the FBI. CHAPMAN recalled VALERIANI informed him he had been questioned by Danville Police due to the fact someone had stated he, VALERIANI, had identified himself as "Flannery of the FBI." States VALERIANI denied he made such statement. AUSA, Roanoke, Va., declined prosecution.

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DETAILS:

RH 47-2566

The facts in instant matter were discussed with Mr. LAWRENCE MUSGROVE, Assistant United States Attorney, Roanoke, Virginia, on July 31, 1963. Mr. MUSGROVE informed that he was declining prosecution since subject did not receive a thing of value as a result of the alleged impersonation. He noted that although news items received by subject as a result of an impersonation might be considered valuable, yet in this instance there is no indication a news item was received by the subject in connection with the impersonation.

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Date: 7/30/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (47-8676) (RUC)

RICHARD VALERIANI
IMPERSONATION
(OO:WFO)

ReWFOairtel to Bureau 7/24/63.

Reairtel enclosed two copies of FD-302 re interview
WILLIAM T. CHAPMAN to Bureau and seven copies FD-302 to
Richmond.Review of FD-302 reflects last word of line 14,
paragraph 3, should be said instead of had.Bureau and Richmond correct copies. Original cor-
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Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

Reference is made to your name check request
concerning [redacted] and Mr. and Mrs. Richard
Valeriani.

Attached are separate memoranda concerning
these individuals.

Sincerely yours,

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr - Enclosures (sent direct)
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MR. AND MRS. RICHARD VALERIANI

Richard Valeriani, who you advised resides at 432 O Street, S. W., Washington D. C., may be identical with Richard Gerard Valeriani, who was the subject of an investigation conducted by the FBI in 1963 concerning an alleged violation of the Impersonation Statutes. *See serial 100*

Our investigation indicated that a Captain of Police at Danville, Virginia, stated Valeriani represented himself as an FBI Agent. Valeriani denied the allegation when interviewed by the FBI, and an Assistant United States Attorney at Roanoke, Virginia, declined prosecution of Valeriani.

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning captioned individuals.

NOTE: Per request of Alexander P. Butterfield, Deputy Assistant to the President.

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MR. AND MRS. RICHARD G. VALERIANI

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Captioned individuals, who you advised can be contacted at the National Broadcasting Company, Inc., 4001 Nebraska Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D.C., were the subjects of a White House name check in February, 1971. By FBI memorandum dated February 12, 1971, it was reported that Richard Gerard Valeriani [redacted] 432 O Street, Southwest, Washington, D.C., was the subject of an FBI investigation in 1963 concerning an alleged violation of the Impersonation Statutes.

Richard Gerard Valeriani

The investigation indicated that a Captain of Police at Danville, Virginia, stated Valeriani represented himself as an FBI Agent by using words "Federal Bureau," "Bureau," or "Federal Bureau of Investigation" while inquiring about police action in stopping demonstrators. Valeriani denied the allegation when interviewed by the FBI, and an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Roanoke, Virginia, declined prosecution of Valeriani, who was last known to reside at 432 O Street, Southwest, Washington, D.C.

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The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning captioned individuals based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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